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10 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
12 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

13 NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD SAN
FRANCISCO CHAPTER, et al.,

14 Plaintiffs,

15 v.
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17 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY, et al.,

18 Defendants.
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No. C 08-5137 RS

**STIPULATION TO EXTEND TIME
TO FILE BILL OF COSTS AND/OR
MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S
FEES; AND [PROPOSED] ORDER**

20 WHEREAS, in an effort to narrow the issues before the Court,
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22 1. Beginning in April 2009, the parties entered into a series of stipulations to stay
23 proceedings to allow Defendants to conduct secondary searches and process potentially responsive
24 records, and to allow the parties to confer in an effort to resolve Plaintiffs' claims without the
25 Court's intervention. As a result of those negotiations, in October 2009, the parties filed a
26 stipulation of dismissal of this action with prejudice under Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) with respect to
27 Defendants DHS, DHS-OIG, and CIS. After further negotiations resolved all remaining merits
28 issues, on June 29, 2011, the parties filed a stipulation of dismissal of this action with prejudice

1 under Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) with respect to all remaining Defendants. At that time, the parties had
2 begun to discuss whether an award of fees and costs was appropriate in this case. On June 30,
3 2011, the Court approved the parties' stipulation to extend the deadline for Plaintiffs to file any bill
4 of costs and/or motion for attorney's fees by approximately three months, to September 30, 2011, to
5 permit those negotiations to continue. On September 29, the Court approved the parties' stipulation
6 to extend the deadline for Plaintiffs to file any bill of costs and/or motion for attorney's fees by
7 approximately two months, to November 30, 2011, to permit those negotiations to continue. On
8 November 29, 2011, the Court approved the parties' stipulation to extend the deadline for Plaintiffs
9 to file any bill of costs and/or motion for attorney's fees by approximately two months, to January
10 30, 2012, to permit those negotiations to continue. On January 30, 2012, the Court approved the
11 parties' stipulation to extend the deadline for Plaintiffs to file any bill of costs and/or motion for
12 attorney's fees by approximately one month, to February 29, 2012, to permit those negotiations to
13 continue. On February 29, 2012, the Court approved the parties' stipulation to extend the deadline
14 for Plaintiffs to file any bill of costs and/or motion for attorney's fees by one week, to March 7,
15 2012, to permit those negotiations to reach a tentative conclusion. On March 7, 2012, the Court
16 approved the parties' stipulation to extend the deadline for Plaintiffs to file any bill of costs and/or
17 motion for attorney's fees to April 30, 2012, to permit the parties to secure the necessary approvals
18 and draft and execute a settlement agreement.

19 2. The parties have reached a tentative agreement, subject to client approval,
20 concerning an award of attorney's fees and costs and hope to resolve the issue without the Court's
21 intervention. Defendants do not concede that Plaintiffs are entitled to recover any fees or costs in
22 this case, and reserve all rights to oppose any bill of costs or motion for attorney's fees. Although it
23 now appears likely that judicial resolution of any dispute over fees or costs may not be necessary,
24 the parties anticipate that it will take one additional month to secure the necessary approvals and
25 draft and execute a settlement agreement; and

26 WHEREAS it would minimize litigation costs and conserve judicial resources to permit
27 the parties to attempt to resolve any dispute over fees or costs without the Court's intervention,
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IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND STIPULATED by and between the parties, through undersigned counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that the deadline for Plaintiffs to file any bill of costs and/or motion for attorney's fees shall be extended to May 31, 2012, notwithstanding any local rule to the contrary.

Dated: April 26, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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SIGNATURE ATTESTATION

In accordance with General Order 45(X), I hereby attest that I have obtained Eric B. Beckenhauer's concurrence in the filing of this document.

/s/ Lisa A. Davis
LISA A. DAVIS

[PROPOSED] ORDER

Pursuant to stipulation, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the deadline for Plaintiffs to file any bill of costs and/or motion for attorney's fees shall be extended to May 31, 2012, notwithstanding any local rule to the contrary.

Dated: 4/26/12



RICHARD SEEBORG
United States District Judge